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Note: Dear Mr. Castellano;

In regard to Office Action Summary of 10/08/03, application number 10/065,318 filed by Steketee, Thomas G. in regard to a Single Walled Insulating Vacuum Envelope (SWIVE), I am responding as follows:

Fig. 2A - 2C and Fig. 5 have been eliminated entirely.

The changes requested of the drawings have been added.

The election of species is confirmed as the invention shown in the revised Fig. 1 (attached). Revised claims 1 - 8 (attached) to apply to the elected species.

In regard to US Patent 5,011,729 by McAllister, no intention whatsoever to store any perishable or heat deformable material inside the double walled insulating panel was disclosed.

Therefore, I have re-written claim 1 to make this distinction. All previous art creates a double walled vacuum panel, if to insulate, this invention creates a single walled vacuum envelope.

Previous claims 8, 10, 11, 12 & 13 were eliminated.